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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: MUZOREWA'S PLAN FOR AN
INTERIM GOVERNMENT

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1. BISHOP MUZOREWA GAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY REINHARDT
HIS DELEGATION'S PLAN FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT

AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE

PROPOSALS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT
OF ZIMBABWE

1. GOVERNOR

THERE SHALL BE A GOVERNOR APPOINTED FOR THE DURATION
OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ON
THE ADVICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. PRIME MINISTER

THERE SHALL BE AN ELECTION ON A ONE MAN ONE VOTE BASIS
TO SELECT THE PRIME MINISTER.

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DETERMINATION OF PERSONS TO FILL OFFICES

- (A) THERE SHALL BE AN ELECTION ON A ONE MAN ONE VOTE BASIS TO ELECT THE PRIME MINISTER.
- (B) THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS REPRESENTING EACH PARTY SHALL BE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH PARTY.
- (C) THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MINISTRIES SHALL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
- (D) NO PARTY OBTAINING LESS THAN -PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. (THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE TO BE DETERMINED.)

3. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(A) COMPOSITION

- (I) THERE SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND 34 MEMBERS.
- (II) THE MEMBERS SHALL BE NOMINATED BY PERSONS WHO WILL HAVE SOUGHT ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER AND WILL HAVE POLLED NOT LESS THAN-PERCENT (THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE TO BE DECIDED) OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.
- (III) EACH PERSON NOMINATING SHALL NOMINATE A NUMBER OF MINISTERS PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR HIM.

(B) FUNCTIONS

- (I) THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE EXECUTIVE POWERS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.
- (II) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADMINISTER THE COUNTRY AND SHALL MODIFY THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT WHERE IT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY.
- (III) THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A COMMISSION TO DRAFT THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNTRY AND THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AT A REFERENDUM.
- (IV) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUPERVISE TRANSITIONAL PROCESSES.
- (V) THE COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT A DELIMITATION

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- COMMISSION AND SUPERVISE THE HOLDING OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS.
- (VI) THE COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE ANY OTHER FUNCTIONS FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

VOTING

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE BY A SIMPLE

MAJORITY.

4. THE LEGISLATURE

(A) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THOSE SAME PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

(B) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE POWER TO MAKE NEW LAWS AND TO REPEAL AND AMEND EXISTING LAWS.

VOTING

DECISIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

PRESENTED BY:

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL - ZIMBABWE

PRESIDENT: BISHOP A. T. MUZOREWA

NOVEMBER 17, 1976

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: AS THE BISHOP TOLD THE ASISTANT SECRETARY, HE IS STANDING BEHIND HIS PROPOSAL THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND ITS PRIME MINISTER BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF AN ELECTION.ABRAMS

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